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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling access to an event, the method comprising:

receiving, at a first network entity from a second network entity, a request to access event-based information available within a network and associated with an event, the second network entity being unknown to the first network entity prior to the first network entity receiving the request;

receiving, at the first network entity, consent to access the event-based information, and automatically creating an authorization in response to receiving the consent, the consent being receivable and the authorization being creatable without use of a certificate from the second network entity and without verifying an identity of the second network entity, wherein the first network entity is configured to control access to the event-based information;

transmitting the authorization from the first network entity to the second network entity;

transmitting a subscription message from the second network entity to an event server configured to maintain the event, wherein the subscription message includes the authorization and an event package describing the event-based information; and  
determining at the event server whether to accept the subscription message based upon the authorization.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving a request comprises:

receiving a trigger at the first network entity from the second network entity; and  
executing the trigger to thereby activate the request to access the event-based information.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the receiving a consent to access the event-based information associated with the event comprises receiving a consent to access the event-based information associated with the event with at least one parameter including at least one of a predefined granularity, frequency or time period, and wherein creating an authorization comprises creating an authorization including the at least one parameter.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein determining whether to accept the subscription message comprises:

verifying the authorization; and

accepting the subscription message if the authorization is verified to thereby provide the second network entity with access to the event.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein verifying the authorization includes verifying that at least one of a predefined frequency or time period has not been exceeded.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein verifying the authorization includes verifying a shared secret.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 5, wherein accepting the subscription message comprises accepting the subscription message to thereby provide the second network entity with access to the event-based information with a predefined granularity.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1 further comprising storing the authorization in a cache such that the event server can retrieve the authorization in response to receiving at least one subsequent subscription message, wherein the at least one subsequent subscription message includes an event package describing the event-based information.

10. (Currently Amended) A system for controlling access to an event, the system comprising:

a first network entity;

a second network entity;

wherein the first network entity is configured to control access to event-based information available within a network and associated with an event, the first network entity being configured to receive, from the second network entity, a request to access event-based information, the second network entity being unknown to the first network entity prior to the first network entity receiving the request,

wherein the first network entity is configured to receive consent to access the event-based information associated with the event, wherein the first network entity is configured to automatically create an authorization in response to receiving the consent, and thereafter transmit the authorization, the consent being receivable and the authorization being creatable without use of a certificate from the second network entity and without verifying an identity of the second network entity.

wherein the second network entity is configured to receive the authorization, and thereafter transmit a subscription message, wherein the subscription message includes the authorization and an event package describing the event-based information; and

an event server configured to maintain the event, wherein the event server is configured to receive the subscription message, and thereafter determine whether to accept the subscription message based upon the authorization.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 10, wherein the first network entity being configured to receive the request includes being configured to:

receive a trigger at the first network entity to thereby enable the first network entity to execute the trigger to thereby activate the request to access the event-based information.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 10, wherein the first network entity is configured to further receive at least one parameter associated with the consent, wherein the at least one parameter includes a least one of a predefined granularity, frequency and time period, and wherein the first network entity is configured to create the authorization including the at least one parameter.

14. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 10, wherein the event server being configured to determine whether to accept the subscription message includes being configured to:

verify the authorization; and

accept the subscription message if the authorization is verified to thereby provide the second network entity with access to the event.

15. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 14, wherein the event server being configured to verify the authorization includes being configured to verify that at least one of a predefined frequency or time period has not been exceeded.

16. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 14, wherein the event server is configured to verify the authorization by verifying a shared secret.

17. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 14, wherein the event server is configured to accept the subscription message to thereby provide the second network entity with access to the event-based information with a predefined granularity.

18. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 10, wherein the event server maintains a cache, wherein the event server is configured to store the authorization in the cache such that the event server can retrieve the authorization in response to receiving at least one subsequent subscription message, and wherein the at least one subsequent subscription message includes an event package describing the event-based information.

19. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a processor configured to control access to event-based information available within a network and associated with an event maintained by an event server, the processor being configured to receive, from a second network entity, a request to access event-based information available within a network and associated with an event, the second network entity being unknown to the apparatus prior to the apparatus receiving the request,

wherein the processor is configured to execute a software application to automatically create an authorization in response to a user interface receiving consent to access the event-based information, the consent being receivable and the authorization being creatable without use of a certificate from the second network entity and without verifying an identity of the second network entity, and

wherein the processor is configured to direct transmission of the authorization to the second network entity to enable the second network entity to thereafter subscribe to the event based upon the authorization.

20. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the processor is triggerable based upon receipt of the request to access the event-based information, the processor being triggerable to execute the software application to present a prompt to receive consent to access the event-based information before the user interface receives the consent.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the processor is configured to execute the software application to create the authorization including at least one parameter associated with the consent, wherein the at least one parameter includes at least one of a predefined granularity, frequency or time period, the at least one parameter having been received by the user interface.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving consent comprises receiving consent to access event-based information related to the first network entity.

23. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 10, wherein the first network entity is configured to control access to event-based information related to the first network entity.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the processor is configured to execute a software application to automatically create an authorization in response to the user interface receiving consent to access event-based information related to the apparatus.

25. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein receiving consent comprises receiving consent from a user of the first network entity via a user interface thereof.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 10, wherein the first network entity is configured to receive consent from a user of the first network entity via a user interface thereof.

27. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the processor is configured to execute a software application to automatically create an authorization in response to the user interface receiving the consent from a user of the apparatus.

28. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

receiving, at a first network entity from a second network entity, a request to access event-based information available within a network and associated with an event maintained by an event server, the first network entity being configured to control access to the event-based information, the second network entity being unknown to the first network entity prior to the first network entity receiving the request;

receiving, via a user interface of a first network entity, consent to access the event-based information;

executing, at the first network entity, a software application to automatically create an authorization in response to the user interface receiving the consent, the consent being receivable

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and the authorization being creatable without use of a certificate from the second network entity and without verifying an identity of the second network entity; and

transmitting the authorization from the first network entity to the second network entity to enable the second network entity to thereafter subscribe to the event based upon the authorization.

29. (Cancelled).

30. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 28, wherein receiving a request comprises:

receiving a trigger at the first network entity from the second network entity; and  
executing the trigger at the first network entity to thereby activate the request to access the event-based information.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 28, wherein the receiving a consent to access the event-based information associated with the event comprises receiving a consent to access the event-based information associated with the event with at least one parameter including at least one of a predefined granularity, frequency or time period, and wherein creating an authorization comprises creating an authorization including the at least one parameter.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 28, wherein the processor is configured to execute a software application to automatically create an authorization in response to the user interface receiving consent to access event-based information related to the mobile station.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 28, wherein receiving consent comprises receiving consent from a user of the first network entity via a user interface thereof.

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34. (Previously Presented) The system of Claim 10, wherein the subscription message transmitted by the second network entity has a positive, non-zero expiration time.

35. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 19, wherein the processor is configured to direct transmission of the authorization to enable the second network entity to subscribe to the event according to a subscription having a non-zero expiration time.

36. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 28, wherein transmitting the authorization comprises transmitting the authorization to enable the second network entity to subscribe to the event according to a subscription having a non-zero expiration time.